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MWCC Participates in Faculty Exchange with North Shore C.C.

In the Spring of 1974, the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges approved a request for a 1974-1975 exchange of faculty members serving at Mount Wachusett Community College and North Shore Community College.

Entirely in accordance with the Board's 1974 revised statement of goals and objectives, the approval set in motion the first formal exchange within the Massachusetts Community College system, paving the way for increased professional interchange among the fifteen community colleges in the state.

The participants in the exchange are Gordon Massingham, Assistant Professor of English at Mount Wachusett Community College and Elisabeth J. Noyes, North Shore's Humanities Division Chairwoman. For the '74-'75 academic year, Professor Massingham has been appointed to the Media and Communications Department at North Shore, and Professor Noyes is serving in the Humanities Division at the Gardner campus.

What might bring a faculty member to leave a division chairmanship, in order to assume a one-year teaching position at a sister community college located approximately eighty miles away? According to Elisabeth Noyes, the answer lies in commitment to the community college goals of excellence in teaching, and responsiveness of education to the needs and interests evidenced in the community.

She quotes Alexander Meiklejohn's comment that "No one can be a genuine teacher unless he or she is actively sharing in the human attempt to understand men and their world;" and she adds, that she believes that faculty exchange affords an exceptional opportunity to partake in such sharing.

"An exchange of this sort carries with it much more than intellectual interchange among teaching professionals in a discipline," she notes. "A person new to a community generally brings a new perspective. This is especially valuable in institutions such as the community colleges, which are characterized by their interaction with, and responsiveness to the educational needs of the geographical area they serve. A different point of

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RECORD NUMBER OF NEW STUDENTS REGISTER FOR SECOND SEMESTER

Mount Wachusett Community College's Director of Admissions Sidney Goldfader announced that on Monday, January 27, 1975, 246 new students registered for mid-year entrance to the college. This is 41% more than the number of last February's mid-year entrants and is in keeping with the trend of increasing applications and interest in Mount Wachusett Community College. Undoubtedly, this increase is partly due to the new and very spacious campus, and the increasing costs of education at private colleges and specialty schools in the Northeast.

A two-day orientation period was held for the new students. They had an opportunity to orient themselves to the new campus and to register for classes. Greetings were extended to the students by President Haley, and Mr. Goldfader introduced the members of the Division of Student Personnel Services who described the areas in which they can assist the students.

Most new arrivals were obviously impressed with the spacious, modern facilities, and the care and attention given to all by the welcoming group. Paul Gallagher, President of the Student Council, welcomed the new students and Dean Pratt, Vice-President of the Sophomore Class, aided by 14 guides conducted tours around the facilities. The student government also provided their new colleagues with coffee and donuts and a luncheon.

In addition to the other orientation activities, the students were given the Junior College Test Battery, called the C.G.P., which assists the faculty and Student Personnel Services Staff to counsel the students.

Demographically the new entrants are a rather interesting group. There are 22

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The pond off Route 140 in front of the new campus is quickly becoming a popular ice skating area for family recreation. Through an agreement with the city of Gardner, the college is allowing the pond to be used under the auspices of the Recreation Department. The city is responsible for maintaining the area and determining the safety of the ice.

NEW CAMPUS DESIGN WINS Architectual Award From A A S A

The design of the new Mount Wachusett Community College Campus has won a certificate of selection for architect Hugh Stubbins and Associates from the American Association of School Administrators and the American Institute of Architects.

Photographic panels of the Campus prepared by the architect will be on display February 21-24 in the 1975 Exhibition of School Architecture at the annual convention of the American Association of School Administrators, Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas.

The Exhibition is jointly sponsored by AASA and AIA. Projects submitted for consideration must have been completed since January 1972 or under construction before September 1974.

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view often stimulates those who have worked in a particular environment for an extended period of time."

Mrs. Noyes hopes that this first exchange within the system will prove significantly successful; and that the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges will, as a result, adopt a policy facilitating faculty exchange among the fifteen two-year public institutions.

Enrollments in the Massachusetts Community Colleges have been stabilizing; and because of the tightening of the job market, few faculty members are leaving positions. For these reasons, faculty exchange within the system could well become increasingly important in the next few years.

Professor Noyes holds a M.A. in German Language and Literature (1962); a M.Ed. with a concentration in English (1966); and expects to complete requirements for an Ed.D. in 1976. She is an active member of several professional organizations, and often participates in panel discussions at local conferences.

Originally a native of the Netherlands. Professor Noyes is also frequently asked to do translations: German--English, as well as Dutch--English. She resides in Shirley, Mass., where she is a member of the local school committee.

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veterans, 11 grandparents, 16 participants in the Digital Equipment Corporation Technician Program, 14 students sponsored by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission and four foreign students.

Dean of Students John Hogan reports that the college is anticipating a total day division enrollment of approximately 1,225 students, and that preliminary estimates at this time would indicate that the graduating class of 1975 will number about 324 degree recipients.

FREEDOM SHRINE PRESENTED TO COLLEGE

President Haley is pictured with Raymond Cormier and Robert Nevard of the Exchange Club during the dedication of the Freedom Shrine. The collection of reproductions of 28 historic documents is on display on the first floor of the new campus.

President Haley recently accepted in behalf of Mount Wachusett Community College the gift of a freedom shrine from the Gardner Exchange Club. The freedom shrine is a collection of 28 original historic documents photographically reproduced and displayed on the first floor hallway of the campus designed to serve as a reminder that the freedom that we enjoy today is the product of the determination and sacrifice of courageous men of yesterday.

According to the National Exchange Club which began presenting these historic documents to institutions in 1949, "the documents have survived and are rightfully preserved because they indelibly mark what were irreversible beginnings and often turbulent turning points of enduring consequences. They also reveal the character of men who, in the face of staggering odds, succeeded in doing what few men have done — transformed a dream into reality — created a bastion of freedom and protected and perfected it."

The Exchange Club feels that the documents should be displayed in an appropriate way "so that the beneficiaries of these historic realities could see them in their original form . . . as they were first written . . . and experience that sense of awe which all men feel in the presence of the past."

"They were selected carefully and their authenticity established beyond all reasonable doubt. Precise photographic reproductions were made from the original documents preserved in the National Archives and the Library of Congress."

Among the documents on display are the "Mayflower Compact," "Declaration of Independence," "Ben Franklin's Epitaph," "Treaty of Paris," "Bill of Rights," "Monroe Doctrine," "Emancipation Proclamation," "Gettysburg Address," Wilson's first "Inaugural Address," "The Nineteenth Amendment," "McAuliffe's Greatest Message," and "German Instrument of Surrender."

18 STUDENTS ELECTED TO JR. COLLEGE WHO'S WHO

Eighteen students have been selected for membership in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges: Kathy Abraham, Gardner; Lynne O. Baker, South Royalston; Bonnie E. Baer, Ashburnham; Rebecca Cormier, Fitchburg; Richard Eastman, Lunenburg; Paul Gallagher, Lunenburg; Debra LeBlanc, Gardner; Diane Mailloux, Gardner; James McCann, Chelmsford; Roger Miknaitis, Barre; Alexander Neris, Gardner; Dean Pratt, Gardner; Patti Schneider, Fitchburg; Frederick Thrasher, West Townsend; Ross Turner, Leominster; William Twaite, Gardner; Diane Wasznicky, Leominster; and Andrew Withington, Lunenburg.

The students were nominated for this honor by the faculty of the college. Selection was based on the student's cumulative grades and their participation in college and community activities. Final selection was made by the college's Honors, Scholarship, and Financial Aid Committee, which is made up of faculty, staff and student members.

DR. HALEY ELECTED NEJCC PRESIDENT

Dr. Arthur F. Haley, President of Mount Wachusett Community College, was elected President of the New England Junior College Council at its annual meeting in December.

There are 55 member two-year schools on the council, representing all six New England states. The Junior College Council operates in three main areas. It works as an advocate, representing its member colleges before various commissions in Washington, D.C. Secondly, the Council offers programs of staff development to the membership. The third area concerns accreditation. The Council reviews accreditation criteria for junior colleges and makes recommendations to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Mount Wachusett Community College has been a member of the Council for the last eight years. For the past year, Dr. Haley has served as Chairman of the Program Committee.

A deacon's bench, made in Gardner by Standard Chair Co., was presented to U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy (l to r) by MWCC President Arthur F. Haley and State Representative Raymond M. LaFontaine after the senator's January talk at the college before a large gathering of students and townspeople.

Over thirty-five accounting practitioners and concerned citizens attended a Massachusetts State Tax Seminar organized by Professors John Awdycki and Charles Snow and co-sponsored by MWCC, the National Association of Accountants and the Gardner Chamber of Commerce. The seminar leaders were John Radley of the Massachusetts Department of Corporations and Taxations and John O'Brien, Deputy Commissioner of State Income Tax Division.

The MWCC Campus Ministry recently sponsored a visit to the college by Bishops Bernard Flanagan of the Worcester Diocese and Alexander Stewart of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts. The religious leaders had an opportunity to tour the new facilities and to converse with the college's students, faculty and staff. Pictured above from left to right are: Rev. Donald Baker of the Campus Ministry, Bishop Stewart; Assistant Dean of Students David Halvorsen; Rev. Gordon Hutchins of the Campus Ministry; and Bishop Flanagan.

1974-1975 MWCC HOCKEY TEAM: Back row (left to right) Coach David Halvorsen; Ed Couillard; Malcolm Farwell; Jim Boudreau; John Schertell; James Beauvais; Stephen Cioffi; and Assistant Coach Jack Armstrong.
Front row: John Bennett; Gary Girouard; Arthur Pace; Joe Ruth; Michael Greene; Kenneth Roger; James Perett; and Matt Christensen.

Media Services Secretary Jane Leamy adds an announcement to the college's new message wheel while staff electrician, Leandre Jaillet, adjusts one of the seven television monitors which display the information throughout the building. The unit is capable of storing and televising up to 24 messages and displaying them on a continual basis.

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